

# WASHINGTON STATE

## EMERGENCY OPERATIONS OFFICER

### MONTHLY REPORT

#### December 2012

CATEGORY	2012	2011	YTD 12	YTD 11
DOE INCIDENTS	1	0	6	4
FIRE	6	21	425	325
HAZMAT	172	194	2559	2450
OTHER	70	60	867	755
911 OUTAGES	3	3	40	44
SAR	49	46	763	736
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
WEATHER	3	3	65	42
CGS INCIDENTS	0	0	0	1
TSUNAMI DEBRIS	2	0	15	0
ESAR (NOT INCL IN TOTAL)	3	(5)	(60)	(63)
TOTAL	306	327	4740	4372

#### LEGEND

DOE	Department of Energy, Hanford Site
SAR	Search and Rescue Missions
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials Incidents
WEATHER	Weather Incidents (throughout state, i.e., Flood, High Winds, and Snow)
CGS	Columbia Generating Station
FIRE	Forest Fire Incidents
OTHER	This category includes a wide variety of incidents, i.e., Tsunami, Earthquake, Critical Incident Stress Debriefings, Bomb Threat, etc...
911	911 Service Outages
ESAR	Evidence Search Mission (not included in total numbers)

#### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- On December 1, the National Weather Service began issuing the following weather products: Flood Watch for rivers in Lewis, Thurston, and Grays Harbor

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Counties, which were cancelled December 5; Flood Warnings for the Skokomish River in Mason County and the Chehalis River in Grays Harbor Counties, which were cancelled December 6; a High Wind Watch for Pacific County, which was cancelled on December 4; a Winter Storm Warning for the Cascade's, which was cancelled on December 7; and a Winter Storm Warning for the Blue Mountains, which was cancelled on December 8.

- On December 2, a search commenced in Skamania County for a missing 60 year-old mushroom picker in the area of Mill A. Additional ground SAR resources were coordinated from Clark, Cowlitz, Yakima, Lewis, and Klickitat Counties and Oregon to assist. The extensive search continued each day without locating the individual and was finally suspended at 12:00 midnight on December 6.
- On December 9, Skamania County commenced a search for two lost hikers on Table Mountain. Additional resources were coordinated from Clark and Cowlitz Counties. The hikers found their way out unassisted and the resources were returned to their home stations.
- On December 12, Kitsap opened a search for a missing person from a family home. German Sheppard Search Dogs (GSSD) responded from Pierce County to assist in the search. The individual was not located.
- On December 14, another storm system approached Washington State bringing blizzard conditions throughout the Cascade and Blue Mountains, heavy snow throughout the Olympics and Northeast Mountains and high winds throughout Western Washington. Wind gusts reaching between 60 and 70 mph were experienced along the coast and throughout the Puget Sound. More than 33,000 customers were reported to have lost power during the peak of the storm. The State EOC assumed Phase II Operations effective 1000 hrs on December 17 in support of local response efforts and returned to Phase I Normal Operations effective 1100 hrs on December 28.
- On December 16, Mason County conducted a rescue of 12 individuals trapped in the snow. Four-wheel drive vehicles were coordinated from Thurston County to assist. The individuals were successfully rescued.

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- On December 18, Asotin County commenced a search for two missing females who had gone driving during the evening of December 17 but had not returned. The county requested air resources to assist in the search, however the two missing females were located before any air resources were committed.
- On December 19, Winter Storm Warnings were again issued for the Olympics, Cascades, Northeast Mountains, Columbia River Gorge and North Central Washington. High Wind Warnings were also issued for the Northwest Interior and a Flood Watch was issued for Southwest Washington. This winter weather event finally ended at 1200 midnight on December 20 after six days of severe weather which affected the entire state causing the State Emergency Operation Center (EOC) to briefly activate to Phase II for a 24-hour period.
- On December 22, the National Weather Service in Seattle issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters of Puget Sound.
- On December 23, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Watch for snow affecting the South Washington Cascades, Columbia River Gorge, Hood Canal, Chehalis Valley and SW Interior. Subsequently, Winter Storm Warnings were issued for these areas through early December 26. The last of these warnings were cancelled on the evening of the December 26.
- On December 26, a 3.9 magnitude earthquake occurred at approximately 10:36 p.m., 13 miles northwest of Friday Harbor. There were no reports of any damage or injuries.
- On December 31, Pierce County opened a search for a missing snowmobiler in the Green Water area by Mount Rainier. Shortly after the initial search was initiated they requested a helicopter with forward looking infrared (FLIR) to assist. Before the request for the helicopter was approved with the Air Force Coordination Center (AFRCC) the individual was found in good condition closing the mission.
- For the month of December 2012 the SEOO's:
  - Issued 347 warnings to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies

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- Issued 216 warnings to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies
- Conducted 5453 notifications to state agency liaisons for imminent or occurring emergencies
- Coordinated 28 resources for search, rescue, recovery and response operations
- Participated in 12 exercises of which 7 were vessel spill drills
- Made 941 and answered 849 telephone calls
- Conducted 1984 National Warning System Tests, conducted 289 Comprehensive Emergency Management Network (CEMNET) radio tests. (connects all counties and many cities via Zetron Radio Console)
- Conducted 10 dedicated line tests with the Department of Energy, Hanford Site (DOE)
- Conducted 10 dedicated line tests with the Columbia Generating Station (CGS)
- Conducted 4 Emergency Alert System (EAS) tests. Broadcasts emergency information to the public via television and radio mediums.
- Conducted 31 All Hazards Alert Broadcast System (AHAB) Daily Function Tests. Tests functional capability of all coastal and Puget Sound AHAB siren systems.
- Conducted 1 All Hazards Alert Broadcast System (AHAB) Siren Tests. Activates coastal and Puget Sound voice and tone sirens during tsunami and other hazardous incidents.
- Conducted 30 Olympic Peninsula Public Safety Alliance Network (OPSCAN). Connects public safety organizations throughout the Olympic Peninsula.
- Conducted 0 On Scene Command Coordination Radio (OSCCR) Tests.
- Conducted 2 State Agency Emergency Network (STAEN). Connects state agencies via an 800 MHz radio system.

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- Conducted 2 King County 800 MHz Radio System. Connects the Alert and Warning Center with King County key emergency management and response organizations.
- Conducted 0 Satellite Phone and Radio. Connects local, state and federal organization via satellite systems.